

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

vention.

in the New York Commonwealth.)
In the month of October there

erty. It is desirable that we should set finally at rest certain questions. At present it is flayed by impassioned and unbalanced assertions of the canonical law, and pregnant with the schism, unless some fixed rule. Hittum is the basis, in sections of New Jersey which has taken root, and is a religious sect of the United States. We have taken occasion, note that Episcopal clergy certain cases, more than ourselves in the office of the The approach to the forms and Greek Church in maintenance, and the doctrinal and to the restoration of a passing mention. Now believed that this movement as a vigorous, and in a vast majority of the unity of the Episcopal community the majority be right in settling a new and ordered an opportunity for new clearly and decisively opportunity could readily be found Potter would in this monopoly as he did in the Let him single out a representative, a clergyman whose doubted as his scholarship profound. The question will be in true respect, as a trial and not the persecution of No one seems better fitted to the conditions than Rev. Hittum, raised in just

of the Church, of generous and
valour, and of known and

oved, he would lift the issue into personal atmosphere, which no

through before the Convention, the vexed dispute could be a matter of principle, and disturbing elements of the session be permanently settled, and of schism, wounded theological and social scandal.

At issue is that of geographicality. Bishop Potter has said this question adversely but he does not enforce his law, as the case stands, he must leave the position to the laity, and the general conference, and punish at will disobedience, thus weakening the Convention, and its action, or he must bring it all the Convention itself to the discussion, and possibly to action. Certainly the will of all being of the Church disuniformity on both these issues is no satisfactory result. It is the duty of the episcopate to act consistently and do nothing each.

THE CHURCH.

for its Disestablishment.

Times puts the reasons for

a nutshell, as follows:

Irish Catholic by conceiving
should feel if the religious a

of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the delay alone to moment attests the inveterate hostility of the hierarchy to the existence of Irishmen to the existence of Protestants, who are as stubborn wilfulness of the has been upheld by the decision of the Irish courts. The content of the case is so strong impressed even on the minds of the court, which is a fact in itself. Mr. Foster finds the evidence of many honest men, and the fact that the attachment to the Catholicism of the Irish, and their zeal for Protestantism, is so difficult to understand, and that the existence of the English is a result of weakness to the English is a well known fact in history. The bearing of the case on the Episcopal Church was established, and Charles I. remained in it is a consequence of the consequence? It was in both countries. Had the consequences respect to the relations of his own country-neutralized the Scotch, he destroyed the English.

erians and Independents, and
Church and brethren. Hawai

establishment, and sank both. A
we could conceive—happily

It is not plain that the world would be paler if all establishments, instead of being founded on the lowest grounds of the English Church, were to be founded on the perilsous ones of the Scotch. The establishment in Ireland has to recommend itself to us, and to blind the English people, in the fact of the case to which the Irish Church is a hindrance. Ireland is the only country in Europe, except Spain, where transmontane prayer is supposed to be the cause of the Irish. Ireland makes conversion, desertion from the Church, the array of the priests, especially strong in the against any disposition to reform ideas. If we turn to England a count comparison is that the Irishman in

Catholic, and we are driven to

erates, has hindered rather than

Protestantism is the indelible belief, to believe propagated by an institution founded and maintained of compulsion. The Irish is a practical denial of the machinations. It is not a segment of the Irish nation, a shared power of Great

the United States.

religious bodies are not at-
tached to, nor are they
estimates. The
the Rev. Henry B. Smith,
Union Theological Sem-
made to the Evangelical
ism, may be accep-
tation, accurate. His fig-
ures are:

Churches.	Communicants.
A. M. E.	4,000,000
Episcopal	2,000,000
Presbyterian . . .	1,000,000
Methodist	2,000,000
Other	200,000
and	300,000
and	100,000
and	50,000

is made in this table of
Irish bodies, which, inclu-
ing the Irish in the

and Universalists, are very numerous, although widely scattered.

pute the practically non-Christianity of the community. This is

ties. Especially in New
York and the class usually
are exceedingly numer-